

the Library group led by Arlene Foster. Their theme of "More Space Now" included a petition asking for a new and modern library facility.

*April 2003*-- the Harmony Branch Library, Iredell County's first branch library, opened in the town of Harmony. The library is a cooperative effort between the Town of Harmony and Iredell County. The 3,000 square foot building has space over 12,000 books and features twelve computers for public use.

*August 2003*-- Construction of the new Iredell County Public Library began on Tradd St. near the current library building.

*April 11, 2005*-- The Iredell County Public Library opened at its new location on 201 North Tradd Street near downtown Statesville on April 11, 2005. The grand opening was held on April 17, 2005. The opening marked the end of a two year construction project. The new three-story building is the 12th largest public library building in the state at 54,000 square feet and cost \$6,653,030. The building has a volume capacity of 277,000. Architects on the project were Earle Gaulden, Craig, Gaulden, and Davis. Future plans for the Iredell County Public Library include the building of a second branch library in the town of Troutman in the near future.

### **Special Collections**

Special collections include Iredell County local history and genealogy.